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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}
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Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
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Subject: Review of Proposed Rulemaking to Implement Amendment 16-2 to the Pacific
Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) **(ER 03/1012)**
(Agency due date: January 5, 2004; Extension requested until January 15, 2004)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has published the subject proposed rule in the *Federal Register* dated December 5, 2003. You may access the proposed rulemaking on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont03.html.

Please review the proposed rulemaking from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, in Portland, Oregon by December 31, 2003.

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare and sign any Departmental comment so as to arrive at NMFS in Seattle, Washington by January 15, 2004.

Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to the RD, FWS.

/s/ 12/10/03

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